

every law enforcement agency, but apparently not Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The American people know that the truth of matters will come out.

What is sad and unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, is that along the way to truth, we disgrace ourselves and our institution by not maintaining a high standard which we all should be setting. Mr. Speaker, remove the chairman from this investigation.

SUPPORT H.R. 2829, THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP ACT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today H.R. 2829, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act, will come before this body to serve one very important purpose, and that purpose is to help save the lives of our law enforcement personnel.

Tomorrow in Carson City, the capital of Nevada, State officials and law enforcement representatives will gather to dedicate the Nevada Law Enforcement Police Officers Memorial. Inscribed on this memorial are the names of every law enforcement officer who lost his or her life in the line of duty.

The passage of H.R. 2829 will help protect our law enforcement officers who, on a daily basis, put their lives on the line to keep our communities and ourselves and our families safe.

It is the hope of all Nevadans, and I know especially the families of law enforcement personnel, that the passage of this legislation will prevent future names and, perhaps, their loved ones from being added to this valorous memorial.

The men and women of law enforcement provide safety and a sense of security to every American citizen. This is our chance to provide a sense of safety and security to them.

PARTISANSHIP FOUND IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE INVESTIGATION

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, accusations of partisanship are very common in this city. However, it is also common to notice that those making accusations of partisanship are often among the most bitterly partisan people in the entire city.

The top Democrat on the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight is a proud partisan with impeccable credentials. Just listen to his impressive record of partisanship. He had no problem with the White House having 900 FBI files on Republicans. He thought White House nonexplanations that no one knew who hired Craig Livingstone was satisfactory. He had no problem with the White House smear of Billy Dale and the others fired in the White House travel office.

Vice presidential fund-raising on government property, no problem. The Vice President having a fund-raiser at a Buddhist Temple in California, no problem. The Democrats see nothing wrong with that. Shaking down impoverished Indian tribes for campaign money, no problem.

The Democrats ask why we should care. Turning the White House coffees into fund-raisers, I have a problem with that, Mr. Speaker.

GLOBAL WARMING

(Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, a petition has been signed and released by over 17,000 scientists urging the Congress and other lawmakers around the world to reject the Kyoto Protocols on global climate change. The 17,000 signers include over 2,000 physicists, geophysicists, climatologists, meteorologists, oceanographers, and environmental scientists.

In addition, 4,400 are qualified to assess the effects of carbon dioxide upon the Earth's plant and animal life, and most of the remaining signers have technical training suitable to understanding climate change issues.

The petition letter is a strongly worded statement that goes beyond rejecting the Kyoto Protocol. It denies the existence of any scientific evidence that man-made greenhouse gases will cause catastrophic warming, and even goes so far as to say "increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth." That is because carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. It is a life essential gas.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for this administration and its extremists to stop the deception of the American people on global climate change.

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HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK IN TURKEY

(Mr. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, this morning in Ankara, Akin Birdal, widely regarded as Turkey's foremost human rights defender, was gunned down in his office by two unknown assailants. He is currently in critical condition in an Ankara hospital. Right-wing extremists have been blamed for the attack, but the Turkish government must bear some responsibility for this unconscionable act of violence, even if they did not pull the trigger.

In recent weeks, the Turkish media has quoted government sources as saying Mr. Birdal, an internationally re-

spected human rights leader, is a tool of the PKK. These stories were designed to turn popular opinion against Mr. Birdal, and these irresponsible lies may now cost him his life.

I visited Turkey earlier this year, Mr. Speaker, and met with government officials who seemed to understand there were serious human rights problems in their country, and they seemed committed to solving these problems. This latest act of violence casts grave doubts on the sincerity of this commitment.

I call on my colleagues to join me today in expressing our strong condemnation of this cowardly attack on a defender of human rights, and our demand that his attackers be brought to justice.

POLITICAL QUESTIONS WITH NO ANSWERS

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have some questions for the other side of the aisle, questions that I am absolutely 100 percent sure I will receive no answers for.

I am sure that I will receive no answers, because for nearly three years now the other side has made it abundantly clear that they have no interest in discovering how the Democratic National Committee raised nearly \$3 million in illegal campaign contributions from communist China; no interest in discovering how the White House came to possess 900 FBI files of Republicans; no interest in discovering who in the White House ordered the FBI and the IRS to investigate Billy Dale and the other White House Travel Office employees in order to smear them.

My questions are, do you think that Webster Hubbell's statement on his jailhouse tapes that "I need to roll over one more time," is indicative of a crime? Do you think that Webster Hubbell's statement with respect to overbilling that "I will not raise those allegations that might open it up to Hillary," is not indicative of a crime? Do you think that Mrs. Hubbell's great fears she will lose her job if her husband tells the truth about what he knows is not relevant to the committee's investigations?

Questions, yes, Mr. Speaker, that I am sure fellow Americans we will not a receive answer to, not a single one.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BE-REUTER) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 11, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the